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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicants hereby request to amend the claims 5, 8, 11, 15, 16, 21 and 22. The foregoing amendments are submitted in the format directed by 37 C.F.R. §1.121 in both a marked up version (on a separate sheet, amended claims only) and in the intended final version. Applicants request that these claims amendments be entered prior to computing the fee. Accordingly, please amend the following claims:

In the Claims

A¹ 5. (Amended) A chimaeric virus particle according to Claim 1, in which the tumour-associated mucin is PEM.

A² 8. (Amended) A chimaeric virus particle according to Claim 1, in which the plant virus is a comovirus.

A³ 11. (Amended) A method for producing a chimaeric virus particle according to Claim 1, which comprises introducing a nucleotide sequence coding for the tumour-associated mucin peptide to modify the plant viral nucleic acid which codes for the coat protein; infecting plants, plant tissue, plant cells, or protoplasts with the modified viral nucleic acid; and harvesting chimaeric virus particles.